

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. THOMSON, of New Jersey, submitted the following

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*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Albert G. Hopper et al., heirs-at-law of Garnett A. Hopper, deceased, report :*

That this petition is to be allowed a pension for the revolutionary services of the father of petitioner. "By a recent decision of the Attorney General," however, it appears that "children of revolutionary soldiers cannot legally establish and recover claims of this character," and your committee therefore report adverse to the prayer as made.

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Mr. Thomson, of New Jersey, submitted the following

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The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Albert G. Hopper et al, heirs-at-law of Gerritt A. Hopper, deceased, report

That this petition is to be allowed a pension for the revolutionary services of the father of petitioner. "By a recent decision of the Attorney General," however, it appears that "children of revolutionary soldiers cannot legally establish and recover claims of this character," and your committee therefore report adverse to the prayer as made.

The present law of the United States, and the practice of the department, are such that it is impossible to maintain a pension from the date of completion of the service. Granting the prayer of this petition will be a departure from the established law, and until Congress is prepared to amend its present enactment of pension law it should be refused. They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be denied.